

January 7, 1986

TO: File
FROM: Randy Harden
RE: Tailing Pond Modifications, New Burgin Mine, Sunshine Mining Company, ACT/049/009

Sunshine Mining Company Submitted a proposal on December 17, 1985 for additional tailings ponds to be used for mill tailing from the Trixie Mine.

Design and placement of liners in the tailings ponds shall be subject to the requirements of State Health. The Division shall approve the design of the tailings ponds subject to compliance with such requirements by State Health.

A cost estimate is required for the reclamation of the proposed tailings pond additions. However, additional bonding will not be required from Sunshine at this time due to the excess in the current bond amount for the main tailings pond and the Hunter Shaft area which are not yet disturbed.

When Sunshine commences work on the other proposed areas, the Division shall use the above cost estimate to adjust the bond amount at that time.

The cost estimate for the proposed tailings ponds shall include equipment selection. productivity and quantity estimates for the reclamation work. The operator shall also incorporate on the map, identification of the various disturbed areas by labeling such areas and referencing them in the plan. The map should also include the acreage for each individual disturbed area and the total estimated disturbed area for the operation.

A rider will have to be prepared by Sunshine for the bond which shall contain a description of the disturbed areas to be covered under the bond. (The above mentioned map could serve as an adequate description of the disturbed areas.) This rider shall incorporate the additional disturbed area form the tailing pond additions as well as all disturbed areas proposed under the currently approved reclamation plan. The rider must be signed by both Sunshine Mining Company and the Surety Company.

cc: S. Linner